

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Bowhead Transport Barge Incident

SITREP #: 5

SPILL NUMBER: 10399925701

LEDGER CODE: 14304260

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: At approximately 11:30 AM on September 14, 2010, Bowhead Transport reported that the wheelhouse on the barge "Stryker" partially separated from the vessel due to structural failure and grounded in nine feet of water. Pioneer Natural Resources notified ADEC at approximately 12:00 PM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on September 20, 2010

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: A small unknown quantity of diesel fuel was released. Sheen remains between the wheelhouse and the deck of the Stryker. No sheen was observed outside of the containment boom or on the shorelines near the vessel.

LOCATION: 40 Miles West of Prudhoe Bay on the east side of the Colville River Delta.
N70°31'19", W150°5'44"

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the incident is under investigation. US Coast Guard investigators are expected to arrive on scene today.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Bowhead Transport Company LLC (Bowhead)

RESPONSE ACTION: Response crews continue to maintain containment and sorbent boom around the Stryker. Alaska Clean Seas response vessels remain on-scene with skimmers to recover any fuel product that may be released, to support marine mammal observation and, if necessary, wildlife hazing. Other on-scene vessels to support the salvage operation include two tugs and a barge from Crowley Marine Services, Inc and a Bowhead flexi-float barge.

Fuel lightering activities over the weekend removed approximately 85% of the vessel's total potential fuel volume. Approximately 500 gallons of diesel fuel remain on the vessel. The remaining fuel will be removed after the vessel is towed and brought on shore. The Unified Command approved the salvage and towing plan prepared by Global Diving and Salvage, Inc. (Global). The salvage plan describes a procedure to join steel beams between the flexi-barge and the sunken wheel house, pumping the ballast and float tanks to maintain vessel stability during the beam installation. Fabrication materials, lifting equipment and welding machines are supported from the Bowhead flexi-float barge moored adjacent to the Stryker. Global's salvage master and the US Coast Guard are overseeing the salvage and towing operation.

SOURCE CONTROL: The fuel tank valves have been sealed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Beaufort Sea, between Ooguruk Island and Oliktok Point. Waterfowl are in the area and are being monitored with marine vessels. There have been no reports of affected wildlife in the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Global Diving and Salvage Inc. and other crews will continue the salvage operations and prepare the vessel for towing to Oliktok Point. Aerial surveillance for oil sheens, sheen recovery, and wildlife monitoring will continue.

WEATHER: Today: Foggy, winds variable from the east at 12 mph, wave conditions 3 feet, with temperatures around 30°F. Weather conditions are predicted to deteriorate with increasing winds and wave heights and the probability of snow.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: George Snodgrass, UIC
 F.O.S.C: Captain Jason Fosdick, USCG
 S.O.S.C: John Ebel, ADEC
 Field S.O.S.C: Wes Ghormley, ADEC
 L.O.S.C: Susan Kittick Atos, North Slope Borough

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Ebel, ADEC, (907) 451-2102

Photographs and other spill information are available at: www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm

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AOGCC		Fax			276-7542
EPA	Matt Carr/Robert Whittier	Fax		271-5083 or 271-3247	271-6340
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North Slope Borough	Edward Sagaan Itta	Fax	Mayor	852-0200	852-0337
North Slope Borough	Dan Forster	Fax	Planning Director	852-0440	852-5991



Map of Location of The Barge Stryker



The Barge Stryker with Containment Boom